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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2010.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 17-61 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 17-61 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

The finality of the rejection of the last Office action is withdrawn. A review of the Supplemental Declaration filed on 9/28/10 helped to reveal deficiencies missed in prior reviews. The pusegrounds of a non-final rejection follow. The examiner deeply apologizes for the inconvenience.

Reissue Applications

1. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application is not an error upon which a reissue can be based. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414. The statement of “an inadvertent and unintentional failure during the prosecution of the original patent to appreciate the full scope of the invention and to include claims as broadly directed thereto as the applicants had a right to claim” does not satisfy the requirement in MPEP § 1414 that the statement of error identify “how it renders the original patent wholly or partly inoperative or invalid.” A failure to appreciate the full scope of the invention does not state how the patent is inoperative or invalid. Also a failure to include claims as broad as the applicants had a right to claim does not state how the patent is inoperative or invalid.
2. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

Supplemental Declaration filed on 9/28/10 was not submitted as combined into one declaration without clear indication each of the three inventors believes to be the appropriate inventive entity.

MPEP 202.03 II B: Oath or Declaration states that

While each inventor need not execute the same oath or declaration, each oath or declaration executed by an inventor must contain a complete listing of all inventors so as to clearly indicate what each inventor believes to be the appropriate inventive entity. Where individual declarations are executed, they must be submitted as individual declarations rather than combined into one declaration. For example, where the inventive entity is A and B, a declaration may not be executed only by A naming only A as the inventor and a different declaration may not be executed only by B naming only B as the inventor, which two declarations are then combined into one declaration with a first page of boiler plate, a second page with A's signature, and a second page with B's signature (so that it appears that the declaration was executed with the entire inventive entity appearing in the declaration when it did not).

3. Supplemental Declaration is required for the additional defects or errors that are corrected in the reissue after the filing of the application and the original reissue declaration (see MPEP 1414.01). However, if a new declaration is submitted to state an error that supports this reissue then a supplemental declaration is not needed.

4. Claims 1-15 and 17-61 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251. See 37 CFR 1.175. The nature of the defect is set forth above.

5. The Amendment to the Claims filed on 3/11/10 is not in a proper format. The Amendment filed on 3/11/10 is improper since all subject matter being added to an original patent claim must be underlined. All subject matter being deleted from an original patent claim must be placed between brackets. 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2) and (d). See MPEP 1453. II.

Therefore, Claims 17-61 must be underlined.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hwa S. Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2419. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tarifur R. Chowdhury can be reached on 571-272-2800. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Hwa S. Andrew Lee/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2886